

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Sykesville Borough Council was called to order at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance by Vice President Elaine Fike. In attendance were Elaine Fike, Vice President; Council Members: Ron Morris, Sherry Pruzinsky, Don Reid, and Gabriel "Butch" Sweka. Absent were President Michele Yamrick, President ProTem Nate Alvetro, Mayor Gail Cunningham, and Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito.

Visitors present were Mack Zimmerman, Patrick Mowrey, Kurt Kister, Monica Walker (Assistant Secretary), and Brian Williams (Crew Foreman).

VISITORS CONCERNS:

Mr. Zimmerman informed Council that there are some discrepancies from this year and past budgets with the Sykesville Volunteer Fire Department's allotment for the fire truck. He stated that himself, Ms. Neale, and J&M Accounting are reviewing/obtaining past reports to resolve this matter.

Mr. Mowrey and Mr. Kister presented an estimate of \$2,240 from Richard Kuntz to apply one coat of court resurface and two coats of color in the center of two tennis courts (also adding pickle ball lines- motion last meeting) and purchase of two nets + shipping. The estimate also includes masking tape, felt paper, all paint & primer, and rental of a tape machine. The full and detailed estimate will be located at the Borough Office. A motion was made by Councilman Don Reid and seconded by Councilman Butch Sweka to accept and approve Richard Kuntz estimate of \$2,240. Motion carried. This will be split between the Park and General Fund(s).

CORRESPONDENCE:

Vice President Elaine Fike presented to Council an invite from the Boroughs Association to meet fellow borough employees, school district representatives, county, state, and local government officials. This event will be held Wednesday, July 17th at 5:30 P.M. in Falls Creek and costs \$20/person. The detailed invite will be located at the Borough Office. A motion was made by Councilman Don Reid and seconded by Councilman Ron Morris to pay \$20/person for any interested Council Member. Motion carried.

Vice President Fike presented an invitation to a workshop to meet the Jefferson County Conservation District staff and board of directors. This event will be held in Brookville on June 25th at no cost. The detailed invite will be located at the Borough Office.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion to approve May 6, 2024, minutes was made by Councilwoman Sherry Pruzinsky and seconded by Councilman Don Reid. Motion carried.

Vice President Fike revisited the 2024 Community Development Block Grant Program. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Sweka and seconded by Councilman Morris to apply for sidewalk replacement throughout Sykesville Borough and commit \$10,000 for this project. Motion carried.

Vice President Fike updated Council that the repairs for the buildings roof have been shut down by PennSafe until drawings are obtained from an engineer. The permit application didn't specify the raised roof is the reason for the shutdown. An engineer will be on site May 31st. Also, the salt shed's permit is approved, and the project is near being done. Councilman Reid requested Secretary Neale to call PennSafe and ask if a permit is needed because he believes the building is under 1,000 square feet.

CREW FOREMAN REPORT:

A new scope of work for Kaufman Street and Sykes Alley was done by Marc Skarbek on May 7th (PennDot) for the DCED Grant project (awarded \$112,000). The new estimated project amount is \$126,585. The change of this project has been submitted. Further updates to come.

COMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Works:

Nothing to report.

Finance/Personnel:

April 2024 financial reports were presented to all members from J&M Accounting (emailed and distributed today). No questions or comments were made.

An invoice for \$5,470.50 was presented from JHA Companies for the upcoming stormwater project. A motion was made by Councilman Reid and seconded by Councilman Sweka to transfer \$5,470.50 from the Sludge Removal Account to the General Fund Account and pay that amount to JHA Companies from the General Fund. Motion carried.

Ordinance, Health & Safety

Nothing to report.

Utilities:

Nothing to report.

Parks, Recreation and Planning:

Vice President Fike informed Council that the Park/Personnel Committee is suggesting that Monica Walker get paid directly from the park account for cleaning the restrooms and opened discussion for a pay rate for cleaning. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Pruzinsky and seconded by Councilman Morris to pay Monica Walker at her current pay rate of \$13.25 to clean the park pavilion/restrooms which will be taken out of the Stahl Park Account. Motion carried.

Council discussed and decided that the time Mrs. Walker spends cleaning the park will not take away hours worked at the Borough Office as assistant secretary.

Secretary Neale informed Council that cleaning and other supplies were ordered for the pavilion/restrooms and asked how that should be paid (Park? Borough? Park/Borough?). After a brief discussion about the Little League paying for supplies in the past, a motion was made by Councilman Reid and seconded by Councilman Sweka to send the Little League a bill for the purchased supplies. Motion carried.

Councilman Morris informed that a new basketball rim needs purchased along with four nets. Foreman Williams will purchase these items tomorrow.

Councilman Reid suggested to extend the park hours since the court is being redone and there are lights there that should be used.

Police, Mayor, Fire, Code Enforcement:

Councilman Don Reid stated that near Zaffuto's there is a yellow sign that was knocked down due to an accident. Foreman Williams will take care of it tomorrow.

Councilman Reid stated that the state police should be called by Mayor Cunningham asking for coverage and support for the town.

Solicitor Gianvito:

Nothing new to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council requested that Secretary Neale obtain prices/estimates on employee shirts for the Borough Crew.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council went into executive session to discuss personnel matters at 7:58 P.M.

ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council reconvened from executive session at 8:11 P.M.

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Don Reid and seconded by Councilman Ron Morris. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:



Jaysa Neale
Borough Secretary/Treasurer